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Identical letters dated 6 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Jordan strongly condemns the baseless allegations that Syria continues to level against it, most recently in the identical letters dated 31 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council.

Those allegations are part of the Syrian regime's efforts to politicize humanitarian work and assail the integrity and credibility of the international effort to provide relief to the Syrian people through the mechanisms established by the Security Council. Those mechanisms have helped to deliver humanitarian assistance to millions of civilians throughout Syria. By repeating those allegations, the Syrian regime seeks to distract the international community from the regime's barbaric policies, which are exacerbating the humanitarian suffering of the Syrian people and fuelling terrorism and extremism in Syria, thereby threatening the region and the entire world. In repeating those allegations, the regime also seeks to justify its inability to maintain security. The lack of security in Syria is the result of the regime's flawed assessment of the situation and refusal to participate in United Nations efforts aimed at achieving a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

Since the start of the Syrian crisis, Jordan has expressed its complete solidarity with the Syrian people as it confronts the ever-worsening humanitarian crisis. Jordan will remain at the forefront of those States that are striving assiduously to alleviate the Syrian people's suffering by facilitating the entry into Syria of relief supplies destined for civilians, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, which Jordan helped to draft and build an international consensus for when it was a member of the Security Council. Jordan continues to bear the heavy burden of hosting an ever-increasing number of Syrian refugees, the majority of

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whom are women and children, notwithstanding its limited capacities and resources, and despite having to contend with the repercussions of many of the conflicts in the region.

Jordan reaffirms that it has consistently combated terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, whatever its source, because it is contrary to religious and moral teachings and values. Jordan also reiterates that it has unwaveringly fought against terrorism and extremism, and that all of its institutions will continue to confront terrorism comprehensively by stepping up their efforts and by coordinating and consulting with regional and international actors to consolidate security and stability in the region.

Lastly, we should like to once again call on the international community to deal firmly and swiftly with the Syrian regime in order to ensure compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014), the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189, and international humanitarian law and human rights principles.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dina **Kawar**
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